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SUBJECT: UPDATE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE STATEMENT

1. 77 STATE 244738 IS REPEATED FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.
2. QUOTE: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST UPDATED INVESTMENT CLIMATE STATEMENT BASED ON THEIR JUDGMENTS OF THE CLIMATE FOR U.S. INVESTMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE A SUCCINCT, UNCLASSIFIED REFERENCE, UP TO ABOUT FOUR PAGES IN LENGTH, FOR USE BY THE POST AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN, BRIEFING OF U.S. OFFICIALS, AND BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES AND INTERNATIONAL FORA DEALING WITH TARIFF PREFERENCES UNDER GSP, EXPORT FINANCING, DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS TWICE PUBLISHED A COMPILATION BASED ON THESE STATEMENTS AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE. WE HAVE HAD STRONGLY FAVORABLE RESPONSES FROM END USERS TO THE PREVIOUS COMPILATION OF THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENTS.

3. FOLLOWING AREAS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED WHERE THEY ARE RELEVANT TO PARTICULAR POSTS. HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC TOPICS LISTED ARE FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AND SHOULD NOT LIMIT DISCUSSION OF OTHER FACTORS MATERIALLY AFFECTING U.S. DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, AND MAJOR LAWS AFFECTING INCOMING FOREIGN INVESTMENT, INCLUDING WHERE APPLICABLE, BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. ANSWER SHOULD NOTE ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFICIAL POSITIONS AND MANNER IN WHICH RELEVANT LAWS ARE ENFORCED.

B. ECONOMIC FACTORS. RESOURCE BASE AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND DOMESTIC ECONOMIC OUTLOOK.

C. FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES. DISCRIMINATORY OR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF POLICY AND/OR TAX TREATMENT, PROFIT REPATRIATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACTORS RELATING TO FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

D. DEVELOPMENT POLICY. INVESTMENT SCREENING, SECTORAL OR GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCES OR RESTRICTIONS, INCENTIVES OR REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING IMPORT SUBSTITUTION, EXPORT OR LOCAL MARKET PRODUCTION QUOTAS, POLICIES RELATING TO CONTINUED INVESTMENT EXPENDITURE, PATENT LAWS, ROYALTY POLICY AND/OR OTHER REQUIREMENT AFFECTING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

E. LABOR FACTORS. LABOR AVAILABILITY, SPECIAL HIRING PRACTICES OR COMPENSATION POLICY, GENERAL LABOR-
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MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AND EFFECT OF LABOR FACTORS ON CHOICE OF TECHNOLOGY.

F. OWNERSHIP POLICY AND INVESTMENT DISPUTES. REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT VENTURES (PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP), LOCAL MANAGEMENT PARTICIPATION OR CONTROL,

RECORD ON INVESTMENT DISPUTES AND SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY OUTSTANDING CASES.

G. STATUS OF OPIC PROGRAMS.

H. ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN INVESTMENT POLICIES, LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE, (E.G. RECENT OR EXPECTED CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT).

I. STATISTICAL INFORMATION. PLEASE PROVIDE ESTIMATE OF

BOOK VALUE OF INVESTMENT FROM U.S. AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION (INCLUDE SOURCE OF STATISTICS).

4. REPORT MAY BE SUPPLEMENTED BY SELECTED REFERENCE MATERIALS, CLASSIFIED OR OTHERWISE, SUCH AS COPIES OF MAJOR LAWS OR OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATING TO INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

5. WHERE POSTS WITHIN PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS HAVE REPORTED DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDED ANALYSIS OF ITS IMPLICATIONS, REPLY SHOULD REFERENCE REPORT, BUT TEXT OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE STATEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE, WHERE RELEVANT, SUBSTANCE OF SUCH REPORTS.

6. REPORTS SHOULD REFLECT 1977 YEAREND ASSESSMENT AND OUTLOOK FOR 1978 TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPLY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 1978 IN ORDER THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION CAN BE COMPILED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO END USERS DURING SPRING 78.

7. FOR ADDRESSEE POSTS RECEIVING REF C (77 STATE 165596), DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP IN INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REF C AND THIS TELEGRAM. HOWEVER GIVEN THE BROADER SCOPE OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE SURVEY AND WIDER INTENDED DISTRIBUTION, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO INCORPORATE INFORMATION SUPPLIED PER REF C INTO INVESTMENT CLIMATE SURVEY REPORT. VANCE. END QUOTE. VANCE

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